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1. The Lutz Kaserne in Thiensdorf (H 53/Z 91) still quartered a small guard detail on 10 January 1951. Only individual soldiers were seen in the yard of the installation. Guards at the gate wore red-bordered black epaulets. No vehicular traffic was seen.

2. Besides the kommandatura previously reported, a small supply unit seemed to be located in the Hindenburg Kaserne. Guards and patrols wore crimson epaulets, but soldiers wearing black epaulets with motor transport insignia were also seen. Painters were working in the buildings of the billeting area. Trucks [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] hauling whitening (sic) from the railroad station to the installation. Passenger cars [REDACTED] at the gate of the installation.

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3. There was no change in the occupation of the Cambrai Kaserne. Guards observed there wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicle traffic was heavier than previously since coal was hauled from the railroad station to the installation. [REDACTED]

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4. In early January, Construction Staff II was ordered to give first priority to the delivery of 35 temporary buildings, with a quartering capacity of 200 men each, to the Soviet Army. These buildings, which had originally been intended for the Volkspolizei, were to be erected at the Zossen maneuver area for the quartering of Soviet troops during January. Work on the foundations was already started. The buildings were to be erected in the Zossen forest, between Jagen (forest sub-divisions) No 275 and 283. \*\*

5. [REDACTED] the maneuver area from the direction of Teupitz toward Zossen. On this occasion a parking lot with 60 to 70 trucks, about 15 track-laying vehicles with box-like bodies, 25 to 30 prime movers and passenger car [REDACTED] in the

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clearing east of the site of the former village of Zehrendorf.

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The soldiers at the parking lot wore red epaulets; the color of the piping could not be determined. Six to eight rows of six tanks each were also seen on the parking lot. A bivouac about 300 meters long extended along a road in the woods north of Zehrendorf. It consisted of low tents, 40 to 50 meters long. The soldiers seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets. \*\*\*

25X1 \* [ ] Comment. There was no change in the occupation of the installation as compared with the last report [ ]

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25X1 [ ] The present report indicates that the quarters evacuated by the units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div were still unoccupied [ ] the burgomaster's office in Wuensdorf on 22 December 1950 that the barracks installations in Wuensdorf were to be reoccupied [ ]

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25X1 \* [ ] Comment. Police construction Staff II in Karlshorst was mentioned several times [ ] It is charged with the construction of quartering facilities for the Volkspolizei in the Berlin area. [ ]

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25X1 [ ] The information that temporary buildings built for the Volkspolizei were erected in the Zossen area for the quartering of Soviet Army units may be correct. These buildings are probably to be used by units training in the maneuver area.

25X1 \*\*\* [ ] Comment. This statement on the observation of trucks and tanks near Zehrendorf is received with skepticism. For lack of comparable information it cannot be refuted, but it is unconfirmed. If the trucks [ ]

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[ ] and the soldiers noticed at the bivouac belonged to the same unit, elements of the motor transport regiment of the GOFG located in Wuensdorf-Zossen might be concerned, elements of which may have moved to emergency quarters until the completion of the renovation of the barracks installations. The tanks observed may be damaged or replacement tanks. However, it is believed improbable that such a large number of tanks should be parked in the open during this time of the year.

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